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SUBJECT: AIR HIJACKING: COORDINATED DEMARCHE TO GOR

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1. FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH US AND FRENCH,
WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR PRESENTED DEMARCHE TO
FOREIGN MINISTRY SEC GEN RENZAHU AUGUST 24.
HE LEFT RENZAHU DIPLOMATIC NOTE WHICH MERELY
RECITED TEXT OF BONN DECLARATION AND ASKED WHETHER
GOR "ADHERED" TO THAT DECLARATION. HE TOLD ME
AFTERWARD THAT RENZAHU EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR PRE-
VENTING AIR PIRACY IN GENERAL TERMS BUT MADE
NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENT.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED WITH GERMAN AMBASSADOR,
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I MADE DEMARCHE AT SAME LEVEL AUGUST 29. OUR NOTE
URGED MORE POINTEDLY THAT GOR ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH
BONN DECLARATION BY MEANS OF EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC
NOTES WITH SUMMIT GOVERNMENTS. NOTE ADDED THAT,
GIVEN IMPORTANT ROLE PUBLIC OPINION PLAYS IN DETERRING
AIR PIRACY, WE HOPED GOR WOULD STATE ITS SUPPORT FOR
BONN DECLARATION PUBLICLY.

3. RENZAHO REPEATED TO ME GENERAL RESPONSE HE HAD GIVEN WEST GERMSN, BUT ADDING THIS REFINEMENT (APPARENTLY THE RESULT OF FURTHER GOR REFLECTION): RWANDA WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF DIRECTLY WITH BONN DECLARATION, EITHER DIPLOMATICALLY OR PUBLICLY, INASMUCH AS THIS ACTION WOULD HAVE NO JURIDICAL SIGNIFICANCE WITHIN RWANDA ITSELF. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF SUMOIT POWERS WERE TO INTRODUCE DECLARATION IN THE FORM OF RESOLUTION BEFORE UNGA, GOR WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE A MORE AFFIRMATIVE POSITION INASMUCH AS IT ASCRIBES FORCE OF LAW TO UNGA RESOLUTIONS.

4. AFTER DULY REGISTERING OUR OWN DISSENT WITH RESPECT TO LEGAL FORCE OF UNGA RESOLUTIONS, I URGED THAT GOR REFLECT FURTHER UPON OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO SEE WHETHER AT LEAST A MORAL COMMITMENT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. RENZAHO REPLIED THAT HE WAS SYMPATHETIC BUT NOT OPTIMISTIC.

5. FRENCH AMBASSADOR MADE SIMILAR DEMARCHE SAME DAY, WITH MORE OR LESS SAME RESULTS.

6. COMMENT: RWANDANS ARE NORMALLY RESERVED AND RETICENT WHEN ASKED TO TAKE A STAND ON SUCH MATTERS, BUT RENZAHO SEEMED UNUSUALLY NEGATIVE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS INSTANCE--MORE SO THAN HE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN WITH GERMAN AMBASSADOR FIVE DAYS EARLIER. FROM HINTS IN OUR CONVERSATION, I JUDGED THAT GOR MAY HAVE COME UNDER PRESSURE FROM LIBYANS OR OTHER ARABS, OR AT LEAST FROM PRO-LIBYAN ELEMENTS WITHIN RWANDAN GOVERNMENT, NOT TO GO ALONG WITH BONN DECLARATION. CRIGLER

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